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SUBJ: AMERICA DAYS SPEAKER

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1. LEAGUE OF FINNISH AMERICAN SOCIETIES TODAY ASKED EMBASSY TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD ITS WARM INVITATION TO MRS. ANNE ARMSTRONG AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO BE THE GUEST OF HONOR AND PRINCIPAL GUEST SPEAKER IN HELSINKI FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE AND FOR THE ANNUAL AMERICA DAYS WEEKEND OCTOBER 27-28.

2. NEED SOONEST CONFIRMATION THIS CHANNEL OF HER ACCEPTANCE. LEAGUE WRITING MRS. ARMSTRONG DIRECTLY.

3. HER STAY IN FINLAND NEEDS BE MINIMUM TWO DAYS FOR PARTICIPATION IN FOLLOWING EVENTS:

4. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27. ONE OR TWO RECEPTIONS AND EVENING BANQUET DANCE AT ADLON HOTEL.

5. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28. MAIN AMERICA DAYS EVENT HER SPEECH AT HELSINKI'S FAMED BEAUTIFUL FINLANDIA HALL.

6. IF MRS. ARMSTRONG CAN BE IN HELSINKI FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, WE SUGGEST PRESS CONFERENCE THAT DATE. OTHERWISE ON SATURDAY.

7. UPON LEARNING OF HER ACCEPTANCE POST WILL FORWARD DETAILS OF WEEKEND, BACKGROUND OF LEAGUE, PERSONALITIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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HISTORY, IMPORTANCE AND SUGGESTED SPEECH TOPICS.

8. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE THIS LEAGUE INVITATION
BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY SHORT TIME REMAINING.

9. EMBASSY SUGGESTS ANNOUNCEMENT OF MRS. ARMSTRONG'S
INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE BE MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE WITH
TEXT AVAILABLE HERE BEFOREHAND FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE
IN FINNISH.

10. ADVISE.
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